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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, MARR, GW, US
SUBJECT: SHAPE/EUCOM COLLOCATION - CONTINGENCY PRESS
STATEMENT

REFERENCE: STATE 294987 DTG 100115Z DEC 77

1. ON DECEMBER 15, EMBOFF PASSED THE CONTINGENCY PRESS STATEMENT CONTAINED IN PARA ONE OF REFTEL TO DR. FREDO DANNENBRING, HEAD OF NATO AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AND TO COLONEL HELGE HANSEN OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S OFFICE OF POLITICAL/MILITARY AFFAIRS.
2. ON DECEMBER 16, DANNENBRING INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE COULD ACCEPT THE PRESS STATEMENT WITH THE INSERTION OF WORDING WHICH WOULD EMPHASIZE THE DUAL CAPACITY - NATO
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AND NATIONAL - OF SACEUR, AND MAKE IT CLEAR THAT, IN WARTIME, HIS ORDERS TO EUCOM WOULD BE ISSUED IN HIS NATIONAL CAPACITY ONLY. DANNENBRING SUGGESTED THAT THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE PRESS STATEMENT READ AS FOLLOWS:
"WITH SUCH WARTIME COLLOCATION, SACEUR WOULD HAVE THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE OF DIRECT ACCESS, IN HIS U.S. NATIONAL CAPACITY, TO THE U.S./EUCOM BATTLE STAFF, THUS . . . "

(REST OF SENTENCE UNCHANGED).

3. ON DECEMBER 21, COLONEL HANSEN TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY COULD HAVE ACCEPTED THE STATEMENT AS FORMULATED IN REFTEL, BUT THAT IT HAD NO PROBLEM WITH DANNENBRING'S INSERTION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM THE EMBASSY WHETHER THE STATEMENT, WITH THE DANNENBRING INSERTION, CAN BE USED WITH THE PRESS BY THE EMBASSY AND THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AT THEIR DISCRETION IN THE EVENT THERE IS A LEAK REGARDING THE US-BE-FRG CONSULTATIONS ON SHAPE/EUCOM WARTIME COLLOCATION. STOESEL

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